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	I	5,539,189	07/23/96	Wilson			
	J	5,619,558	04/08/97	Jheeta			
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	T	5,564,546	10/1996	Molbak			
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	V	4,902,880	02/20/90	Garczyski			
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	R ¹	4,764,666	08/16/99	Bergeron				
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	T ¹	5,235,509	08/10/93	Mueller et al.				
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	Z ²	5,710,887	01/20/98	Chelliah				
	A ³	5,717,866	02/10/98	Naftzger				
	B ³	5,759,101	06/02/98	Von Kohorn				
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